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CLINTON, S. C., Tuesday, October 31st, 1893, 7:30 p.m.
The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Samuel M. Smith, D. D., from Mark ix: 28; "Why could not we cast him out?" At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was formally called to order, and prayer was offered by the Moderator. The following members were

PRESENT.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Jas. Douglass, W. W. Ratchford, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, J. L. McLin, B. P. Reid, C. W. Humphreys, J. R. Millard (2), J. M. McLain (2), S. H. Hay, W. G. White, Jr., W. S. Hamiter, D. N. McLauchlin, W. M. McPheeters (2), Alex. Sprunt (3), W. K. Boggs, G. T. Bourne, W. G. Neville, J. W. McClure (3)—19.

Churches Represented—Aimwell, by F. B. Austin; Allison Creek, A. L. Stewart (2.); Bethesda, S. B. McCully; Concord, W. B. Thompson; Ebenezer, P. Garrison; Fishing Creek, M. S. Lynn; Fort Mill, J. W. Spratt; Mispah, R. L. Cunningham (2); Olivet, J. C. Ashe; Rock Hill, A. H. White; Salem, G. F. Andrews; Kershaw, E. M. Atkinson—12.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—G. R. Brackett, J. R. Dow, T. P. Hay, G. A. Blackburn, J. C. Oghler (2), J. W. Flinn, S. M. Smith, J. D. Tadlock (3), J. L. McLees, W. R. Atkinson (2), F. L. Leeper, H. G. Gilland, N. Keff Smith, D. A. Blackburn—14.

Churches Represented—Aiken, B. F. Wyman (2); 2d Church Charleston, Jas. Allan (2); 1st Church Columbia, W. A. Clark (2); 2d Church Columbia, C. W. Suber; Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, (2); Ebenezer, C. L. Trenholm; John's Island and Wadmalaw, F. Y. Legare; Mt. Pleasant, J. B. Morrison; New Wappetaw, A. W. Leland; Westminster, J. A. Enslow; Bamberg, A. V. Eaves—11.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers- A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, B. G. Clifford (3), C. L. Stewart, B. F. Wilson, N. J. Holmes, W. L. Boggs, A. G. Wardlaw (2), R. E. Henderlite, T. M. McConnell (2), J. F. Jacobs, W. S. Bean, T. B. Craig, W. H. Hudson--15.

Churches Represented—Antioch, F. L. Anderson; Cane Creek, D. B. Fant; Clinton, J. J. Boozer; Dorroh, J. T. Peden; Duncan's Creek, D. T. Copeland; Enoree, Lowndes Browning; Fair Forest, C. T. Becknell; Fairview, J. L. Stoddard (2); Glenn Springs, H. S. Simpson (2); Jonesville, A. G. Means (2); Lavrens C. H., Thos. McCoy (2); Liberty Springs, E. G. Simpson (2); Lisbon, Williams Wright; Nazareth, C. P. Berry; New Harmony, R. L. Henry; Pacolet, H. F. McDowell; Piedmont, W. P. Nesbitt (2); Rocky Spring, G. W. Duvall; Spartanburg, W. T. Russel; Unionville, J. E. Colton (2); Washington Street, G. D. Barr (2); 2d Church Greenville, R. A. Means; 3d Church Greenville, J. R. Wilkinson (3)—23.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Jas. McDowell, W. A. Gregg, J. E. Dunlop, N. W. Edmunds, W. C. Smith, W. W. Mills, T. F. Boozer (2), W. H. Workman, C. O. Martindale, jr., W. F. Hollingsworth—10.

Churches Represented—Bishopville, R. C. McCutchen; Camden, W. W. Mickle; Concord, J. J. Brunson; Hephzibah, T. H. Rembert; Indiantown, Jas. McCutchen; Manning, J. E. Davis; Mayesville; I. W. Bradley; Mt. Zion, J. H. Cooper; Pine Tree, M. K. Yarborough; Richmond, W. M. O'Brien (2); Salem (B. R.), W. J. Muldrow; Sumter, A. White—12.

PRE DEE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers J. G. Law, J. H. Dixon, J. G. Richards, A. H. McArn—4. Churches Represented—Cheraw, M. McLaughlin; Darlington, R. E. DuBose; Florence, J. P. McNeill—3.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—H. McLees, D. E. Frierson (2), T. C. Ligon, R. C. Ligon (2), W. T. Matthews (2), J. Lowrie Wilson (2), J. S. Cozby, G. G. Mayes, J. A. Wilson, Newton Smith (2), W. S. Jacobs (2), D. McNeill Turner (4) -12.

Churches Represented—Abbeville, L. W. Perrin; Anderson, J. W. Norris; Aveleigh, S. Johnstone; Carmel, T. H. Russell; Good Hope, W. C. Sherrard; Greenwood, J. R. Blake; Honea Path, G. M. Greer; Midway, L.

W. Gentry; Mt. Bethel, J. O. Turnipseed; Morris Chapel, G. T. Reid; Ninety-Six, T. S. Blake; Pendleton, C. Randell (2); Rock, Wm. Turter; Smyrna, H. D. Boozer; Townville, J. C. Harris; Troy, T. M. Dendy (2)—16.

The Rev. John G. Law was chosen Moderator and the Rev. T. P. Hav Assistant Clerk.

The Rev. Drs. J. K. Hazen, Synod of Alabama; S. H. Chester, Synod of Nashville; D. McNeill Turner, Synod of Mississippi; and Samuel Spar Laws, Synod of New York, were welcomed as corresponding members.

On motion it was resolved that it be made the special order for 10 a.m., tomorrow, to hear Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, in regard to that cause.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was resolved that the session of Synod for tomorrow morning be from 9 a. m., to 1 p. m.

The following report in part of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted by Synod.

Your Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions would submit the following partial report, recommending:

1st. That Synod holds its annual Conference on Foreign Missions Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

2d. That the Moderator preside and conduct the Devotional Exercises.

3d. That addresses be delivered by Rev. Dr. Chester, the Secretary of Foreign missions; Rev. N. J. Holmes and Rev. D. N. McLauchin-the first named, without restriction as to time, and the other two limited to ten minutes each.

4th. That a collection be then taken for this great cause.

J. LOWRIE WILSON, Chairman.

On motion, Synod then adjourned until 9 a. m., tomorrow, with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Session.

Wednesday, November 1, 9 a.m.

The Synod was opened with religious exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The Moderator announced the following:

Standing Committees:

1. Devotional Exercises.

Ministers -W. P. Jacobs, D. D. Elder -J. J. Boozer.

2. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers—S. M. Smith, D. D., B. P. Reid, N. J. Holmes. Elders—J. E. Davis, M. McLaughlin.

3. Judicial Business.

Ministers—J. S. Cozby, D. D., D. E. Jordan, D. D., W. W. Mills, Elders—J. P. McNeill, A. White.

4. Foreign Missions.

Ministers—G. R. Brackett, D. D., J. H. Dixon, G. G. Mayes. Eiders— J. C. Ashe, R. E. DuBose.

5. Home Missions.

Ministers—A. A. James, F. L. Leeper, W. G. White, Jr. Elders—C. W. Suber, W. T. Russel.

6. Education.

Ministers-D. N. McLauchlin, T. P. Hay, W. C. Smith. Elders-A. H. White, A. W. Leland,

7. Publication.

Ministers—N. Keff Smith, J. L. McLin, W. L. Beggs. Elders—W. B. Thompson, D. B. Fant.

8. Colored Evangelization.

Ministers—J. G. Richards, T. C. Ligon, T. B. Craig. Elders—J. M. Spratt, J. H. Cooper.

9. Narrative.

Ministers—J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. E. Dunlop, H. G. Gilland. Elders - F. Y. Legare, F. L. Anderson.

10. Theological Seminary.

Ministers-C. W. Humphreys, A. H. McArn, J. L. McLees. Elders-J. B. Morrison, Jas. McCutchen.

11. Finance.

Elders-J. A. Enslow, W. W. Mickle, Wms. Wright.

12. Minutes of Assembly.

Ministers—N. W. Edmunds, D. D., W. S. Bean, D. D., J. A. Wilson. Elders—L. W. Perrin, I. W. Bradley.

13. Leave of Absence.

Ministers—Jas. McDowell, R. E. Henderlite, J. R. Dow. Elders—P. Garrison, R. A. Means.

14. Presbyterial Records.

Bethel—Minister: C. O. Martindale. Elder: C. L. Trenholm. Charleston—Minister: B. F. Wilson. Elder: G. F. Andrews. Enoree—Minister: W. H. Workman. Elder: A. V. Eaves.

Harmony--Minister: D. A. Blackburn. Elder: D. T. Copeland. Pee Dee-Minister: W. G. Neville. Elder: R. C. McCutchen. South Carolina--Minister: W. H. Hudson. Elder: H. F. McDowell.

Rev. J. R. Millard gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and was enrolled.

Communications were received and acted upon as follows:

An invitation from the teachers and pupils of the Thornwell Orphanage to the members of Synod to visit the Institution at 3 o'clock this afternoon, was accepted.

An overture from Pee Dee Presbytery, requesting the Synod to conduct its Home Missions in accordance with the suggestion of the Assembly's Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

A petition from Beaver Creek church, Harmony Presbytery, as follows, was granted:

The congregation of Beaver Creek church, in Harmony Presbytery respectfully request the Synod to transfer them to the care of Bethel Presbytery for the following reasons:

1. Both Presbyteries have consented to the transfer.

2. Our church is in Lancaster county which belongs to Bethel Presbytery.

3. We must group with churches in Bethel Presbytery in order to be supplied with preaching.

Very respectfully,

W. D. USSERY,
Moderator of Congregational Meeting.

An excuse for absence on the part of the Rev. W. B. Corbett was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The several Presbyteries presented their Naratives and Statistical Reports, which were read before the Synod. The Narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

For the Statistical Reports, see Appendix.

Rev. W. A. Betts, of M. E. Church South, was invited to a seat as a visiting brother, and introduced to the body.

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary of Publication was heard by Synod in regard to the Assembly's work entrusted to the hands of the Executive Committee of Publication. The address was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. Reports on Home Missions were received from the Presbyteries and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. J. D. Mayhon, of the Baptist church, was introduced and welcomed as a visiting brother.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw gave satisfactory reason for tardiness and was enrolled.

The conference on the work of the Presbyteries and the state of religion in our bounds was opened with a song of praise, but the members seemed indisposed to enter into any discussion of these matters, and the committee therefore rose, and the Synod proceeded to business.

The reports of the Permanent Committees being called for, the Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Publication and Colportage were not ready to report. The report of that on Colored Evangelization was read, [See Appendix], and together with certain statements made by the Rev. J. E. Dunlop in regard to the Colored Presbytery of North and South Carolina was referred to the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause was read and adopted by Synod. [Appendix].

The following additional members gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled:

Rev. T. M. McConnell, D. D., and Elders E. G. Simpson, Liberty Springs church; G. D. Barr, Washington Street; W. P. Nesbitt, Piedmont; J. L. Stoddard, Fairview; H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; A. G. Means, Jonesville; Thos. McCoy, Laurens. C. H., all of Enoree Presbytery.

The Rev Dr. Ferdinand Jacobs, Synod of Nashville, was welcomed by the Synod as a corresponding member.

The Permanent Committees on Christian Education and the Sabbath had no reports to make.

The Stated Clerk presented his report as Treasurer, [Appendix,] which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. W. W. Mills, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented its report to Synod, [Appendix,] together with the following paper:

The Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary would respectfully acquaint the four controlling Synods with the following facts:

That the Board on reviewing its action taken in regular session, May 1892, touching the election of Rev. D. J. Brimm as associate Professor in the department of Biblical Literature &c., finds that the plan of government does not allow the election of, and has made no provision for, such associate Professor. The Board acknowledges to have been misled in this matter by the evidently urgent need for such Professor, and by the fact that Rev. C. R. Hemphill was at one time elected to the same position, and said action seems to have been approved by the controlling Synods.

But in as much as the controlling Synods have approved the recommendation of the Board, and inasmuch as there is urgent need that the Semnary should be equipped with said additional Professor, the Board deems it best to allow the action taken to stand although irregular.

That there may be no occasion for embarrassment in the future, the Board respectfully overtures the controlling Synods to so amend the plan of government as to provide for the election of additional Professors, or associate Professors, whenever it may appear that such are needed.

The Board further overtures the controlling Synods to amend the plan of government at their next meeting, by dividing the Chair of Biblical Literature into two chairs; to be known respectively as the Chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, and the Chair of New Testament Literature and Exegesis.

Until this is done, it is understood that Prof. McPheeters and Associate Prof. Brimm, will discharge the duties of the Chair of Biblical Literature as may be most agreeable to them. And when done, the Board will tender the chair of New Testament Literature and Exegesis to Prof. Brimm, and if accepted by him, will inaugurate him at the earliest opportunity.

W. W. MILLS, Clerk of Board.

These papers and the Record Book of the Board were referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, Attention was also called to the fact that the term of office of Directors W. T. Thompson, and A. A. James expires at this time.

Mr. L. W. Perrin presented a report of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers &c., which was received as information, (Appendix,) and the same officers were re-elected to serve the ensuing year.

Washington Street Church, Greenville, was chosen as the place of next meeting and Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 7:30 p. m., as the time.

A complaint of A. H. and E. M. Monteith against the action of Charleston Presbytery in the case of Miss Sadie M. Means, was presented to Synod and referred, together with the Records of

Presbytery and a certified copy of certain records in the case furnished by the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Rev. J. M. McLain, and Elders A. L. Stewart, Allison Creek Church, Bethel Presbytery; and J. E. Colton, Unionville Church, Enoree Presbytery, appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs presented the annual report of the Thornwell Orphanage, which was received as information. [Appendix.]

Prof. J. R. Blake made a brief report for the regents of South Atlantic Presbyterian University, which was received as information, and Prof. Blake was re-elected to serve for the next three years.

On motion a committee was appointed to bring in a minute concerning Rev. J. H. Saye, deceased. The Moderator appointed Rev. Messrs. B. P. Reid, J. R. Millard and W. G. White, Jr., this Committee.

On motion a Memorial Service to hear Minutes on deceased brethren was made the second order for tomorrow night.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw of the Special Committee on the Map, reported that Rev. B. G. Clifford had been engaged to prepare the map of Synod, but has not yet delivered it.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 p. m.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

The following additional members appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

Ministers—J. L. Wilson, W. R. Atkinson, J. C. Oehler, W. S. Jacobs, D. E. Frierson, R. C. Ligon, T. F. Boozer, W. T. Matthews, W. M. McPheeters and Newton Smith.

Elders—From Bethel Presbytery—R. L Cunningham, Mispah Church.—

From Charleston Presbytery- B. F. Wyman, Aiken, Jas. Allen, 2d Church Charleston, Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island; W. A. Clark, 1st Church Columbia—

Harmony Presbytery-W. M. O'Brien, Richmond-

South Carolina Presbytery—T. M. Dendy, Troy, Carver Randell, Pendleton.

The Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Synod of Memphis, Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., Synod of Nashville, and T. M. Lowry, Synod of Georgia, were welcomed as corresponding members.

The Synod then held a conference on Foreign Missions according to the programme adopted last night. At the conclusion of the addresses, it was resolved that the collection raised tonight be devoted to providing for the expense of sending out to China the Rev. W. H. Hudson, a member of this Synod now under appointment as a Missionary to that field, but delayed by the lack of funds on the part of the Committee to send him out. On motion, also, Mr. Hudson was invited to address the Synod, which he did briefly. A collection was then raised, which with about \$115 raised this afternoon in Enoree Presbytery for the same object, amounted in cash and subscriptions to \$654.30, which was turned over to the Rev. T. M McConnell, D. D., of Greenville, S. C., to be used for the purpose named, any balance remaining to be turned over to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, to whom the whole amount is to be reported.

The Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented the report of said Committee, which was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. [Appendix.]

The Rev. W. G. Neville presented and Synod adopted the following report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions:

We submit the following recommendations:

- 1. That a conference on Home Missions be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.
 - 2. That Elder J. P. McNeill preside at this conference.
- 3. That addresses limited to fifteen minutes each, be delivered by Revs. W. T. Matthews, N. Keff Smith and W. K. Boggs.
- 4. That after these addresses the meeting be thrown open to any who may wish to speak, these addresses to be limited to five minutes.
 - 5. That a collection be taken up for the cause of Home Missions.

 Respectfully submitted,

W. G. NEVILLE, Chairman. The Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. M. Lowry, to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session.

Thursday, November 2, 9 a.m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. G. White, Jr.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. The Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., Synod of Memphis, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion it was made the first special order this morning to hear Rev. Dr. Craig, Secretary of Home Missions, and the second special order to hear Rev. Dr. Richardson, Secretary of Education.

Rev. W. G. Neville reported for the committee recommending the approval of the Records of the Pee Dee Presbytery, which was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Cozby presented the report of the Executive Committee on Publication and Colportage which was referred to the Standing Committee. [Appendix].

Rev. N. Keff Smith presented and Synod adopted the following report in part of the Standing Committee on Publication:

The Committee of Publication reports, in part; recommending the adoption of the following:

That Synod, having heard with pleasure the address of Rev. Dr. Hazen, Assembly's Secretary of Publication, expresses its appreciation of the work of our Committee in Richmond, its gratitude to God for evidences of the Divine favor on its work, especially that of Colportage and recommend that our churches be urged to do their part in securing the amount asked for by the General Assembly for this cause.

Respectfully,

N. KEFF SMITH, Chairman for the Committee.

The following Committee was appointed to bring in a minute concerning Rev. W. F. Pearson, deceased: Rev. Hugh McLees and R. C. Ligon and Elder J. C. Harris.

Rev. B. P. Reid, presented the report of the Permanent Committee of Education, which was referred to the Standing Committee. [Appendix].

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, that the Synod disclaim all responsibility for the circulation of any paper, or papers among the members of Synod intended or calculated to prejudice a pending case prior to hearing of the parties.

The Rev. Dr. Cozby presented the report of the Committee on Judicial business, which, upon objection to its immediate consideration, was docketed; and it was made the first order for this afternoon to take it up.

Synod resolved to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Elder J. R. Wilkinson, of the Third Church, Greenville, Enoree Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and was enrolled.

The Rev. Dr. Richardson, Secretary of Education for the Ministry, was heard in regard to that cause, the Synod consenting to his speaking before Dr. Craig, whom it was resolved to hear tonight in connexion with the Home Missions Conference,

Rev. B. G. Clifford and Elder D. H. A. Mason, Shady Grove Church, Enoree Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled.

The motion fixing the order for 3 o'clock this afternoon, the consideration of the Judicial Committee's report, was reconsidered, and the report was taken from the docket and considered. Pending its consideration Synod at 1 o'clock took recess until 3.

Afternoon Session.

3 p. m.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer.

Rev. J. W. McClure, Alexander Sprunt and J. D. Tadlock, D. D., gave satisfactory reasons for *tardiness and were enrolled. Mr. J. A. Enslow presented the report of the Committee on

Finance, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

That we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find the same correct and sustained by proper vauchers. The balance of funds in his hands is \$76.42.

Your Committee would recommend that the following apportionments be made upon the Presbyteries to defray the expenses of Synod for the ensuing year, viz: Bethel, \$40; Charleston, \$30; Enoree, \$35; Harmony, \$25 Pee Dee, \$15; South Carolina, \$35.

Your Committee find from the report of the Treasurer, that the interest accruing from the \$2,000 investment of the Townsend Fund, amounting to \$157.10, has been received and paid over to two of the students in the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

Your Committee would recommend that inasmuch as Mr. Fulton, one of the beneficiaries of this fund is now otherwise provided for, that Mr. M. R. Murchison take his place.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. ENSLOW, Chairman.

The unfinished business was resumed, and Synod adopted the report of the Judicial Committee as follows:

Your Judicial Committee would hereby report, that we have examined the complaint of Ainsley H. Monteith and Emma M. Monteith, Complainants, versus Charleston Presbytery, Respondent; and find said complaint regular and in order. We therefore recommend that Synod proceed to issue the cause according to the order prescribed in our Book, viz.

- 1st. That "the Record" of the cause be read.
- 2d. That the Complainant be heard.
- 3d. That he Respondent be heard by its Representatives.
- 4th. That the Complainant be again heard.
- 5th. That the time allotted to the parties be as follows:
- [a.] To the Complainant, $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours for opening.
- [b.] To Respondents: $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours for reply.
- [c.] To Complainant, ½ hour for close.
- 6th. The roll shall then be called, that members may express themselves, speeches being limited to five minutes.
 - 7th. The vote shall then be taken.

J. S. COZBY, Chairman.

The Respondent, as represented by Rev. Messrs. G. A. Blackburn and F. L. Leeper presented the following bill of Exceptions:

The Respondent in the case of A. H. and E. M. Monteith against the Charleston Presbytery excepts to the consideration of their complaint by this Synod for the reason that said complainants are not entitled to complain under Section 4, Article 267, Chapter 13, of Rules of Discipline.

- 1. Because said complainants are not members in full communion in any Presbyterian Church inasmuch as they now hold letters of dismissal from the 2d Presbyterian Church of Columbia.
- 2. Because immediately after the cause against Miss Saddie M. Means was issued by Session of said 2d Church of Columbia, the complainants demanded of said Session, letters of dismissal from said church, not designating any other church in our bounds to which they were willing to be dismissed, thereby giving notice to Session of their unwillingness to submit to its jurisdiction, and of their intention to remove themselves from under its jurisdiction while continuing to reside in its bounds.
- 3. Because said letters are still being held by complainants, nor has any notice ever been given to Session of any intention not to use said letters, nor have complainants attended any service of said church since obtaining said letters.
- 4. Because said letters are being held by said complanants not for the purpose of conserving their relation to the Presbyterian Church, but solely for the purpose of litigation.
- 5. Because A. H. Monteith, the principal complainant, has publicly declared his intention to sever his relation to all churches, and therefore only holds his letter for purposes of litigation.
- 6. Because it would be a grave injustice for the higher courts of the church to allow members holding such relations to the church---relations which may be dissolved in a moment by parties without consent of Session ---to appear as voluntary parties in any cause before the higher courts.

G. A. BLACKBURN,F. L. LEEPER,For Charleston Presbytery.

The Moderator then charged the Synod that it was sitting in a judicial capacity, and cautioned the members to act accordingly. And the court went into the consideration of the complaint of A. H. and E. M. Monteith against Charleston Presbytery.

The following is the complaint sent up:

Notice of Complaint to Synod and Reasons.

State of South Carolina, Synod of South Carolina---Ainsley H. Montieth and Emma M. Monteith, complainants, vs. Charleston Presbytery, Respondent---Notice of Complaint and Reasons.

NOTICE.

Please take notice that the complainants above named intend to complain to the Synod of South Carolina against the action of the respondent above named, at its last meeting in the city of Columbia, on or about the 13th of April, 1893, whereby it refused to sustain the complaint of complainants against the action of the session of the Second Presbyterian Church of

that the reading of "the Record in the Cause" be considered as complete at this point.

The further hearing of the case was then, on motion, post-poned until 10 a.m., tomorrow; and Synod took recess to 7:30 this evening.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod engaged in the conference upon Home Missions, as previously arranged, and heard addresses upon this subject from the Assembly's Secretary, Rev. Dr. Craig, and Rev. Messrs. W. T. Matthews, N. Keff Smith and W. K. Boggs. A collection amounting to \$50, was taken up and appropriated to the Sustentation Fund of the General Assembly.

The hour being too late for the Synod to hold the Memorial Service appointed for this evening, Synod then adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow, prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning Session.

Friday, November 3, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. W. Humphreys.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. N. Keff Smith presented the following report of the Committee on Publication, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred, the report of the Committee on Colportage offers the following: That Synod approves of the appointment of Mr. Farr as Synodical Colporteur and commends him and his work to our sessions and churches.

Respectfully,

N. KEFF SMITH, Chairman Committee Publication.

Rev. Dr. Thornwell presented for the Committee and Synod adopted the Narrative. [Appendix].

The Committees on the Records of Enoree, Bethel and South Carolina Presbyteries reported recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. B. F. Wilson presented the report of the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, which was dockeied.

Rev. C. W. Humphr'eys presented the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, which was docketed.

Rev. Dr. Brackett presented the following report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

That the report of the Permanent Committee so completely covers the whole ground that nothing is left to your Committee but to recommend its adoption by Synod, as presented, that it be placed in the hands of every officer of the church, that the pastors be urged to bring it to the notice of their Missionary Societies and congregation and that it be published in the church papers. A more complete exhibit of the exact status of our Missionary work could hardly be given, and the startling array of facts presented ought to stir the hearts of our people like the blast of a bugle.

G. R. BRACKETT.

Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Edmunds presented a report on the minutes of the Assembly, which was docketed.

The Unfinished Business, viz: the complaint against Charleston Presbytery, was taken up and its consideration resumed.

The Respondent filed the following Protest to which the Complainant gave notice that he might file an answer.

The Protest No 1.

The Respondent in the case of A. H. and E. M. Monteith against the Charleston Presbytery except to the consideration of the Protest of Rev. J. Wm. Flinn and S. M. Smith with its answer as a part of the "Record of the Cause."

1. Because Par. 189 Rules of Discipline defines what shall constitute "the record of the cause" in these words; "Minutes of the trial shall be kept by the clerk, which shall exhibit the charges, the answer, all the testimony, and all such acts, orders, and decisions of the court relating to the cause, as either party may desire, and also the judgment. The clerk shall, without delay, attach together the charges, the answer, the citations and returns thereto, and the minutes herein required to be kept. These papers when so attached, shall constitute "the record of the cause." When a cause is re-

rroved by appeal or complaint, the lower court shall transmit 'the record,' thus prepared to the higher court, with the addition of the notice of appeal or complaint and the reasons thereof, if any shall have been filed. Nothing which is not contained in this 'record' shall be taken into consideration in the higher court.' No specification of a protest is here made as a part of 'the record of the cause,' nor can it be classed under any of the things that are mentioned, for they all manifestly refer to things done before or during the trial, whereas a protest cannot be made until after the trial is over.

- Because the Protest was made after the finding of the Presbytery.It was impossible therefore for that court to have sat in judgment upon it.
- 3. Because a Protest is nothing but the argument of the parties protesting, and as none of the argument made during the trial is ever admitted to "record," much less should arguments made afterwards be admitted
- 5. Because the matter contained in the Protest is chiefly irrelevant to the case before Synod.

The Complainant, through Rev. Dr. J. W. Flinn, was then heard for an hour and a quarter, and the Respondent in answer was heard through Rev. G. A. Blackburn one hour and twenty minutes.

Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

3 p. m.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer.

The unfinished business was again taken up, and the Respondent was heard through Rev. F. L. Leeper 20, minutes. The Complainant was heard in reply 30 minutes.

The Moderator ruled that, in view of certain personal statements made in the arguments on both sides, which are of the nature of testimony which is not contained in the Record of the Cause before the court, such statements should not be considered by the members of Synod in their votes upon the case.

The roll was then called and members were allowed five minutes each to express their views of the case. Pending this business, Synod took recess until 7:30 o'clock.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod was opened with singing and prayer.

The Stated Clerk of South Carolina Presbytery informed the Synod that the Presbytery had today received into its membership the Rev. D. McNeill Turner, D. D., who was therefore enrolled as a member of Synod.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the roll was further called for the expression of opinion on the part of the members. Afterwards, the vote was taken, and resulted as follows:

To Sustain the Complaint, 63. To sustain in part, 6. Not to sustain, 40. Excused, 1.

On motion, a committee was appointed to prepare the judgment of the Synod in the case just decided and report tomorrow morning. The Moderator appointed Rev. W. W. Mills, J. S. Cozby, D. D., and Elder Jas. Allan.

Synod then adjourned till 9 a. m., tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Oehler.

FIFTH DAY.

Morning Session.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Rev. Thos. P. Hay.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Standing Committee of Education would report:

That it has carefully studied the report of the Permanent Committee and finds it full of exhaustive and comprehensive information on the whole subject. It recommends the adoption of the report together with the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That, again, the attention of our Presbyteries be earnestly called to the growing disproportion between the number of the candidates in this Synod and the amount contributed by it to the cause of Education as conducted by the Assembly's Committee.

Resolved 2nd. That Synod urges the compliance of her Presbyteries with the expressed wish of the Assembly that her Secretary of Education be informed annually of all help rendered to their candidates otherwise than through the Assembly's Committee, and that the same information be also conveyed to the Synod's Permanent Committee.

Resolved 3rd. That the Presbyteries insist strongly on Sessions furnishing them with information on the spiritual, mental and physical qualifications, in short on general fitness, of applicants for admission to their care as candidates for the ministry.

Resolved 4th. That the attention of all our Presbyteries be called to the obvious advantage and sound policy of allowing sufficient time to elapse between the applications of candidates for admission to their care and their reception, for acquiring satisfactory knowledge of their antecedents and present fitness.

Resolved 5th. That our Presbyteries be urged to have the reports of candidates from faculties and teachers of institutions of learning, read in their open sessions.

Resolved 6th. That early in the sessions of the next meeting of Synod there be held a conference on the subject of Theological Education.

D. N. McLAUCHLIN, Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith reported for the Committee on Bills and Overtures that no matter had come into its hands, and the Committee was discharged.

The Rev. J. G. Richards presented and Synod adopted the following report of the Standing Co:amittee on Colored Evangelization:

The Committee to which was referred the report of Synod's Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization, together with the request of Rev. J. E. Dunlop for aid for the Presbytery of North and South Carolina to enable that body to put an Evangelist in the field, have examined the same, and present the following for the adoption of Synod at this time.

1st. The Synod of South Carolina feels a deep interest in the work of Colored Evangelization.

2d. We regret that the way does not yet seem clear for the Synod to employ an Evangelist to the colored people within our bounds.

3d. As our General Assembly has an Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, to which this work has been committed, we urge our Presbyteries and churches to co-operate heartily with this Committee in its work.

4th. The Synod will endeavor to raise its proportion of the \$15,000 called for by the Assembly, and calls upon its people to contribute more liberaly to this cause on the 1st Sabbath of December next.

5th. Synod hereby calls the attention of the Assembly's Committee to the labors and the wants of the Presbytery of North and South Carolina and request it to aid them as far as the interests of the general work will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. RICHARDS,

Chairman.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery reported recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Rev. A. A. James presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions, which was adopted as follows:

The Standing Committee on Home Missions would report to Synod that they are gratified to learn from the report from the Presbytery of Bethel that they have an efficient Evangelist at work and are rapidly building up their weak churches.

Charleston Presbytery reports, that they have had one Evangelist in the field who has been diligent and is doing efficent work in that field. Three candidates for the ministry have also labored successfully in the bounds of the Presbytery.

Harmony Presbytery reports, that they have no Evangelist at present their territory having been pretty thoroughly worked up by said agency.

Enoree Presbytery reports, that their Executive Committee have carried on their work very successfully through the agency of their pastors and licentiates.

The Presbytery of South Carolina reports, that their feeble churches have been greatly strengthened and revived by the labors of their Evangelist.

The Presbytery of Pee Dee reports, that they have been endeavouring to compass their destitution through the labors of their pastors.

In answer to the Overture from the Presbytery of Pee Dee asking that the "Synod of South Carolina conduct its Home Missionary work in accordance with the suggestion of the Assembly's Committee," we would reply that the Synod as such, is not conducting Home Missionary work, but we would respectfully recommend that the Presbyteries adopt this plan in their Home Missionary work.

The Synod would express their gratitude in having with us at this time the efficent Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., and for his able address.

The Synod would respectfully request all of our churches to take up a collection to aid those churches in our bounds which have been devastated by the late storm, and that these funds be forwarded to the Treasurer of Home Missions of Charleston Presbytery, Rev. G. A. Blackburn, Columbia, S. C.

A. A. JAMES, Chairman.

Rev. Jas. McDowell presented the following report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was approved:

Committee on Leave of Absence report as excused from this meeting of Synod :

Rev. W. B. Corbett, Rev. W. G. Vardell, Rev. D. J. Brimm.

Leave of absence granted after Friday, 1 p. m., to Rev. T. M. McConnell, Rev. T. F. Boozer, Rev. W. W. Ratchford, Rev. R. C. Ligon, Rev. W. S. Hamiter, Rev. A. Sprunt, P. Garrison, W. C. Sherard, R. L. Cunningham, T. S. Blake, W. B. Thompson.

After 10 p. m., Friday, Rev. A. H. McArn, Rev. James Douglass, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Rev. B. P. Reid, Rev. W. T. Matthews, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. J. E. Dunlop, F. B. Austin, Rev. W. G. Neville, Rev. B. G. Chfford, W. A. Clark, A. White, J. B. Morrison, A. V. Eaves.

Excused after 10 a m., Saturday. Rev. H. G. Gilland, Rev. D. E. Jordan, J. E. Colton. After 12 m., Saturday, J. A. Enslow, James Allan, Rev. G. R, Brackett, Rev. D. A. Blackburn.

The report of the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery was taken from the docket; the following substitute for the report was adopted:

That the Presbytery be directed to place in its engrossed Records, the amended complaint of A. H. and E. M. Monteith.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket and unanimously adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to report that they have examined the records of the Board of Directors and find them apparently correctly and neatly kept. From them we learn that the Seminary, by the blessing of God, has enjoyed a pleasant, profitable and successful session during the last year; that the finances are in a fair condition, all though some of the investments yielded no income last year, that a financia-agent is now in the field to raise funds for the Seminary, whose efforts are meeting with gratifying success; and that present indications give promise of increased prosperity and usefulness.

The Records also show that the Rev. F R. Beattie, D. D., has been released from his engagement as Professor in the Seminary, and that the Rev. S. S. Laws, A. M., L. L. B., M. D., and L. L. D., has been elected by the Board to the Chair made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Beattie. Your Committee recommend that Synod approve this election.

Your Committee also recommend that this Synod urge upon the Board the importance of equipping, and supplying, a Professorship for the study of the English Bible.

Your Committee recommend that the Synod approve the small changes suggested by the Board. These changes are:

1. The division of the Professorship of Biblical Literature and Exegesis of the Scripture into two Professorships to be called respectively: "The Chair of Old Testament Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture," and "the Chair of New Testament Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture."

- 2. That Article 1 of Section 3, of the Plan of Government be amended by striking out the word "Synods," and substituting the words, "as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish subject to the approval of the controlling Synods."
- 3. That the said article be further amended b inserting the following words: "The Board of Directors shall be authorized to elect Associate Professors whenever in its judgment the interests of the Seminary demand it, said election to be had as provided for in Section 2, Article 5."

The said Article, when so amended, will read thus: "The Professorships in this Seminary shall be those of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis of Scripture, New Testament Literature and Exegesis of Scripture, Didactic and Polemic Theology, Church Government and History, Pastoral Theology, Sacred Rhetoric and English Scriptures, Natural Science in connection with Revelation and Christian Apologetics, and such others as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish subject to the approval of the controlling Synods."

The attention of Synod is called to the fact that the term of service of two Directors, Revs. W. T. Thompson, D. D., and A. A James, expires with this session of Synod; and that Rev. J. C. McMullen has removed from the bounds of this Synod, and his successor will have to be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HUMPHREYS, Chairman. J. L. MoLEES, A. H. MoARN.

The Rev. W. T. Thompson, D. D., and Rev. A. A. James were re elected Directors of the Theological Seminary for three years, and Rev. C. W. Humphreys to fill the unexpired term, one year, of Rev. J. C. McMollen, removed from our bounds.

Bev. W. W. Mills, of the Committee presented and Synod adopted the following as its judgment in the judicial case decided last night.

Your Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressing the judgment of this Court in the case of Ainsley H. Monteith and Emma M. Monteith, Complainants in behalf of Sadie M. Means versus Charleston Presbytery. Rrespondent, would respectfully submit the following for your adoption, to wit:

That the Synod of South Carolina, having sustained the complaint of Ainsley H. Monteith and Emma M. Monteith in behalf of Sadie M. Means rersus Charleston Presbytery, Respondent, orders that the action of the said Charleston Presbytery complained against, be, and the same is hereby an-

nulled; and it hereby further orders the Session of the Second Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S. C., to restore Sadie M. Means to all her rights and privileges as a member in full communion of said Church.

W. W. MILLS, J. S. COZBY, JAMES ALLAN.

Rev. Jas. McDowell asked leave to put on record his reasons for voting to sustain the Complaint, which request was granted, and his reasons are as follows:

In explanation of my vote last night to sustain the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Monteith, I did so, not because I believe it right to hold office in telephone, telegraph, postoffice, railroad, express and other offices, that habitually require work on the Lord's Day, but it is my judgment that in such instances, the matter must be left between the conscience of the individual and his or her God, and resort not be had to as stern a measure as disciplne.

JAMES McDOWELL.

Rev. G. A. Blackburn, for the Respondent, gave notice of appeal to the General Assembly against the decision of Synod in the complaint against Charleston Presbytery, and asked for a copy of the proceedings in the case. The Rev. J. W. Flinn, D. D., and W. A. Clark, Esq., were appointed to represent the Synod before the Assembly in the appeal.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Workman the Synod reaffirmed the last formal and emphatic deliverance on the Sabbath Question.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was taken from the docket, and on motion of Dr. Edmunds, the Charman of the Committee, it was laid on the table, inasmuch as the matter of the report had already been acted upon in the adoption of the report on Home Missions.

A Memorial service was then held, and minutes of deceased brethren were adopted by a rising vote: [Appendix.]

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, that Synod hereby expresses its heart-felt appreciation of the generous hospitality to its members of the Pastor and members of the Clinton Presbyterian Church and of the people of Clinton, and prays that grace, merey and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ may be multipled to them: Also, its sense of pleasure in visiting the Thornwell Orphanage and Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Resolved that Synod renders thanks to the various railroad companies for reduced rates given to our members over their lines.

Rev. J. L. McLees presented the following resolution, which was adopted, to be put on docket for the next Synod: That this Synod take steps toward securing an Evangelist to work within its bounds. And on motion the matter was referred to the following Special Committee to consider and report upon at the next meeting: Rev. J. L. McLees, S. M. Smith, D. D., W. G. Neville and B. P. Reid.

Rev. Dr. Bean presented the following paper, which on motion was put in docket for consideration at the next meeting.:

In view of the perfunctory manner in which Memorial Services are held during Synod, and in view of the fact that memorials of deceased brethren are heard before the Presbyteries of which they were members:

Resolved, That hereafter the Memorial Service held in Synod shall be as follows:

1st. A Hymn.

2d. The reading by the Stated Clerk of the names, dates of birth, ordination, and death of each Minister deceased during the past year, together with a brief statement of official work done by him during his lifetime.

3d. A prayer invoking the divine blessing on those bereaved by these deaths.

4th. That the service be given a place among the standing orders for the second day of Synod.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

And Synod then adjourned, with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the Washington Street Church, Greenville, S. C., Tuesday, October 23, 1894, 7:30 p. m.

JOHN G. LAW, Moderator.

THOMAS H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

THOMAS P. HAY, Assistant Clerk.

APPENDIX.

T.

Statistical Reports of Presbyteries.

Bethel Presbytery

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 31 ministers, 49 churches, and has 1 licentiate and 12 canidates for the ministry under its care.

It has received by letter W. M. McPheeters from Abingdon, A. Sprunt from Albermarle, W. K. Boggs from Augusta, D. A. Todd from Enoree, J. W. McClure from South Carolina, and W. G. Neville from Louisville Presbytery.

It has dismissed W. G. Anderson to Western District Presbytery and R. P. Smith to Mecklenberg.

It has restored the name of J. M. McNaul to the roll of its candidates for the ministry and dismissed him to the care of the Presbytery of Enoree, and has also taken under its care D. P. R. Belk, Jno. B. Meacham, and F. H. Wardlaw as candidates for the Gospel ministry.

It has licensed Jos. H. Wilson and G. T. Bourne to preach the Gospel, and has also ordained the latter.

It has established pastoral relations between G. T. Bourne and Salem and Mizpah churches, between J. B. Swann and Bullock's Creek and Olivet churches, between D. N. McLauchlin and Purity church, between Alexander Sprunt and Rock Hill church, between J. M. McLain and Beth Shiloh church, between D. A. Todd and Horeb and Union churches, and between W. G. Neville and Yorkville church.

It has dissolved pastoral relations between T. R. English and Yorkvitle church, between R. P. Smith and Concord church, between B. P. Reid and Bethesda church, between W. W. Ratchford and Ramah church, and between J. M. McLain and Hopewell church.

It has appointed H. B. Pratt its Missionary to Mexico and continued W. K. Boggs in the Evangelistic work within its bounds.

It has lost by death Jas. H. Saye.

B. P. REID, Stated Clerk. Charleston Presbytery

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-nine churches and has under its care one licentiate and ten candidates. It employs one Evangelist, and during a part of the past summer, three Theological students have been laboring efficiently within our bounds. Almost all our congregations are statedly supplied with the means of grace. One new church, that of Bamberg, has been recently organized, and there are about ten needy points within our territory, that receive more or less attention from our Evangelist, pastors, licentiate, and candidates. During the Synodical year just closed, it has received under its care the following candidates for the Gospel ministry, namely: W. O. Groce, W. E. Beattie, Togie Takada, James Landsborough, Joseph Crockard, O. E. White, Geo. H. Cornelson, Jr., and J. P. R. Wyle.

It has licensed Joseph Crockard and Malcolm McGilloray to preach the Gospel.

It has transferred the following licentiates to other Presbyteries: Licentiate C. O. Martindale, Jr., to the Presbytery of Pee Dee, Licentiate T. B. Trenholm to the Presbytery of Atlanta, and Licentiate Malcolm McGillivray to the Presbytery of Savannah. It has received Rev. N. Keff Smith from the Presbytery of Savannah, and installed him pastor of Ebenezer church, Charleston. It has received Licentiate D. A. Blackburn from Harmony Presbytery, and ordained and installed him as pastor of Westminster church.

It has installed Rev. F. L. Leeper as pastor of the Mount Pleasant and James Island churches. Rev. F. R. Beattie, D. D., was dismissed to the West Lexington Presbytery, Ky.

Some of our churches suffered severely from the two storms that yisited our coast two months ago. We mention with thanksgiving to the Heao of the Church, that we have lost no minister by death during the past year.

JOHN R. DOW,

Stated Clerk.

Enoree Presbytery

Reports to Synod that it consists of 23 Ministers and 52 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seventeen candidates for the ministry

It has received Rev. Thomas B. Craig from the Presbytery of Pee Dee, and installed him Pastor of Fountain Inn, New Harmony and Dorroh churches and Rev. Wm. S. Bean, D. D., from the Presbytery of Harmony.

It has ordained licentiate C. B. Jennings and installed him pastor of Unionville Church, licensed and ordained Candidate, W. H. Hudson as an Evangelist to the foreign field, and also ordained Licentiate J. F. Jacobs as an Evangelist.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. E. Henderlite and the churches of New Harmony, Fountain Inn and Dorroh, and between Rev. A. M. Hassell and the churches of Liberty Springs and Lisbon.

It has organized the 3d Church, Greenville.

It has dismissed Rev. D. A. Todd to the Presbytery of Bethel, Licentiate W. S. Jacobs to the Presbytery of South Carolina, and Licentiate S. C. Byrd to the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

It has received under its care the following candidates for the Ministry: F. C. Jennings, W. T. Hudson, J. C. Bailey, Jr.

It has licensed Mr. B. R. Anderson to preach the gospel.

Wm. P. JACOBS, Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery

Respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of thirteen Ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care two dicentiates and six candidates.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D., and Mt. Zion Church, and also the pastoral relation existing between Rev. W. C. Smith and Mayesville Church

It has dismissed Rev. J. G. Richards to Pee Dee Presbytery, and Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D., to Enorce Presbytery.

It received under its care, by letters, Licentiate, C. O. Martindale Jr., from Pee Dee Presbytery, and Licentiate, W. F. Hollingsworth, from Atlanta Presbytery. The former has been ordained and installed pastor of Pine Tree Church, and the latter has been ordained and installed pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

It has dismissed Licentiate, D. A. Blackburn to Charleston Presbytery; and Candidate, Robert Bradley, Jr., to Abingdon Presbytery of the Northern Presbyterian Church.

It has received under its care, by letter Candidates H. C. Kegley of Abingdon Presbytery, and R. O. Flinn, of Macon Presbytery; and has licensed both of them to preach the Gospel.

W. W. MILLS, Stated Clerk.

Pee Dee Presbytery

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it consists of eleven Ministers and twenty-six churches and has under its care three candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

It has received from the Presbytery of Lexington, Rev. W. G. F. Wallace; from the Presbytery of Albermarle, Rev. A. H. McArn; from the Presbytery of Harmony, Rev. J. G. Richards and Rev. S. E. Bishop. It has received under its care from the Presbytery of Charleston Licentiate, C. O. Martindale.

It has installed Rev. W. G. F. Wallace as pastor of Carolina and Kentyre churches; Rev. J. G. Richards as pastor of Great Pee Dee and Reedy Creek; and Rev. A. H. McArn, pastor of Cheraw Church.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. B. Craig and Hopewell Church.

It has dismissed Rev. T. B. Craig to Enoree Presbytery; Licentiate, C. O. Martindale to the care of Harmony Presbytery; and Rev. E. P. Hutson to the South Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South.

It has orgainized the Church of Latta, with eleven members, at Latta, Manion County.

JNO. G. LAW, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery

Reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of eighteen ministers and lifty five churches; and has under its care six candidates for the ministry.

It has received Licentiate W. S. Jacobs, from Enoree Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of Edgefield, Trenton and Johnston churches; also, ordained Licentiate Newton Smith and installed him pastor of Westminster and Retreat churches.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. C. Fennel and Rocky River church; Rev. J. M. Plowden and Johnson, Edgefield and Trenton churches; Rev. J. W. McClure and Mt. Bethel and Smyrna churches.

It has received Mr. W. F. Strickland as a candidate for the ministry, It has dismissed Rev. J. M. Plowden to the Augusta Presbytery; Rev, J. W. McClure to Bethel Presbytery, and lost Rev. W. F. Pearson by death. W. T. MATTHEWS.

Stated Clerk.

II.

Treasurer's Report.

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina:

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CONTINGENT FUND.

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It will be observed that Pee Dee Presbytery has not paid its full assesment, \$5 being still due.

The investments of the Townsend Fund remain the same as reported last year, and the interest has been paid promptly and remitted to the beneficiaries. The Faculty of the Seminary recommended as the recipients of this fund, Messrs. D. M. Fulton and C. M. Richards, South Carolina Students in the Columbia Seminary, to whom the income of the Fund was paid last session. Mr. H. R. Murchison will now take the place of Mr. Fulton, who is otherwise provided for. The contribution goes to the aid of the Students Fund of the Seminary, so far as it would be appropriated to these students.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

III.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

In presenting this, its Second Annual Report, your Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions would call the attention of Synod to the following facts, to-wit:

1st. The present siratened condition of the Missionary work in our beloved Church. According to a circular from the Mission Rooms in Nashville there has been a large and gratifying increase in the number of laborers sent into the great world field; but with no corresponding increase in the amounts given to maintain them there. A year ago the number of Missionaries was 102; now, it is 123, with eight or ten more still under appointment. The receipts last year were \$128,000, and the expenses, \$138,000; producing thus a deficit of \$10,000. The balance from the previous year was \$15,000, leaving a balance to begin the present year, with its greatly increased demands, of only \$5,000. Such a condition is surely anomalous, and bodes disaster to the cause, unless speedily changed. Evidently the Lord has heard the Church's call for "more laborers in the harvest"; but the Church has not heard the Lord's call for the means to send and keep them there.

2d. Synod's responsibilities in the premises.

Fifteen Missionaries represent us in that grand 123 column, with possibly two or more now under appointment. These are distributed as follows:

Seven in China, viz.: Rev. H. C. DuBose, Rev. S. I. Woodbridge and wife, Rev. W. B. White, Rev. M. B. Grier, Miss E. C. Davidson and Mrs. P. F. Price.

Four in Japan, viz.: Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, Rev. S. P. Fulton, Rev. S. R. Hope and wife.

Three in Mexico, viz.; Rev. J. G. Hall, Rev. H. B. Pratt and wife. And one in Brazil, viz.: Mrs. D. G. Armstrong.

Six are from Bethel Presbytery; three from Charleston; two from Enoree; two from Harmony; and one, each from Pee Dee and South Carolina.

These fifteen are our contingent of the laborers; and compose a little more than one-eighth, or about 13 per cent., of the whole number sent out by the Southern Presbyterian Church.

2. According to the Minutes of the last Assembly, (from which all the ensuing compilations are made,) \$120,954 was the amount given by the entire Church to Foreign Missions for the year then ending. Of this amount \$11,726 represents the total of Synod's contribution to that cause. It is but a fraction over 10 per cent. of the whole, and reveals the fact that, while this Synod furnishes 13 per cent. of the laboring force, it furnishes less than 11 per cent. of the supporting force, or money given. This disparity in per cents, sheds light on Synod's part in precipitating the crisis which now con-

fronts the Assembly's Committee. It has required from the Central Treasury for the support of its own missionary sons and daughters more than it has put in. Whatever difference exists between the per cents, should be in favor of the latter—to put in more than it takes out. For South Carolina is justly regarded as one of the stronger Synods, and should therefore give in excess of its own necessities.

Compared with the other Synods in amounts given, it stands as it did a year ago, third in the roll. The order is as follows:

Virginia, with 35,938 members, gives \$30,309;

North Carolina. with 28,701 members, gives \$21,798;

South Carolina, with 17,430 members, gives \$11,726.-

Compared with the other Synods in the average given per member, it drops to the fifth place, as follows:

Virginia, average per member, $\$0.84\frac{2}{3}$;

Nashville, average per member, $0.80\frac{2}{3}$;

North Carolina, average per member, 0.75 9-10;

Georgia average per member, $67\frac{1}{2}$;

South Carolina, average per member, $0.67\frac{1}{4}$;

One year ago the order stood:

North Carolina, first at \$.93 per member;

Nashville, second, at \$0.80\$ per member;

Virginia, third, at \$0.80\frac{1}{4} per member;

South Carolina, fourth, \$.067 per member.

But now Virginia, by an increase of .04 5-12 per member, leaps to the first place; Nashville, with a slight advance, holds its own as second; North Carolina, by a big falling off of .17 1-10 per member, becomes third; Georgia, by a considerable gain, becomes fourth; and South Carolina, though increasing a quarter of a cent per member, falls to the fifth place.

Glancing now at the several constituents of Synod, its six Presbyteries, and comparing them with themselves, and with the record of a year ago,

the "deadly parallel column" reveals the following:

| | | | | | | | 1892 | 1895. |
|--------------|-----|------|--------|------|---|---|------------------|------------------|
| Bethel, | - | per | member | ·, - | | | .47 | .54 |
| Charleston, | - | 6.6 | 6.6 | | - | - | \$1.49 | \$1 304 |
| Enoree, | - | 4. | 6.6 | | | - | .33 | .56} |
| Harmony, | - | 6.6 | 6. | - | - | - | .714 | $.65\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Pec Dec. | | , 66 | 44 | - | | | $.71\frac{2}{3}$ | $.52\frac{1}{4}$ |
| South Caroli | na, | 6.6 | 2.4 | - | - | - | . 66 | $.59\frac{1}{3}$ |

From which it appears that:

Bethel, with its 5,351 members, gains .07 7-10 per member; Charleston, with its 2,419 members, loses .18½ per member; Enorce, with its 3,271 members, gains .23 1-6 per member; Harmony, with its 1,911 members, loses .06¼ per member. Pee Dee. with its 1,419 members, loses .18 51-2 per member:

South Carolina, with its 3,035 members loses $.06\frac{2}{3}$ per member.

Charleston, though falling off .18½ per member, still doubles its foremost competitor in the Synod, viz: Harmony. But compared with the seven Presbyteries in the Church at large whose average per member exceeds \$1.00, and which might justiy be termed the "Assembly's Presbyterial Roll of Honor," it stands fourth. The alignment is as follows:

| Maryland,, | | - | | average | per | memb | er, | - | | - | | £2.22 1-6; |
|-------------|---|---|---|---------|-----|------|-----|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Chesapeake, | | - | | 4.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | - | - | - | - | | $1.78\frac{3}{4}$; |
| St. Louis, | - | | - | 4.6 | 6.4 | 4.4 | | | | | - | 1.49 4-5; |
| Charleston, | | - | - | 6. | 4.6 | . 6 | - | - | - | - | | $1.30\frac{1}{2}$; |
| Wilmington, | | - | | 6.6 | • • | 4.6 | - | | - | - | | $1.13\frac{3}{4}$; |
| Albermarie, | | - | | 44 | 6.6 | | | - | - | | - | 1.12 1-5; |
| Knoxville, | - | | - | 6.6 | 66 | 66 | - | | - | - | | 1.00_{2} . |

3d. The remedy. In II Kings, III chapter, 16th and 17th verses, we have the principle laid down whose out working will bring relief. The armies of Israel, Judah and Edom, in their Moab-campaign, were confronted with a water famine. The ordinary sources of supply had all failed them. What must be done? Jehoshaphat, at the mouth of Elisha, "enquired" of the Lord, and got this answer: "Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts." The idea is, that if Jehoshaphat would get the water, he must "ditch" for it, and that on a big scale. Jehoshaphat's cry to God put God to working, and God's answer to him put Jehoshaphat to working. Vain were the gift of water without a plenty of "ditches" to put it in. So Jehoshaphat digged the ditches, and the Lord filled them with water.

Our church is just now in like condition—threatened with collapse in its great missionary work. What must be done? Evidently, one of two things, either to stop praying for "more laborers," or else to accompany the prayer with more money—quit praying, or get to ditching. Jehoshaphat chose the latter, and got the water. We cannot afford to do otherwise. "Ditchers," "Ditching," "Ditches," are the three "D's" called for by the anomaly of our present condition. The grand design of your Permanent Committee, in this Report, is to lay off some two or three "ditches" for Synod to get to work on.

1. The "ditch" marked off a year ago, which is already partially opened; viz: The support of individual Missionaries by individual churches, or groups of churches. Of your fifteen laborers in foreign lands, five are pledged a support by as many individual churches, viz: Rev. S. R. Hope, by the Spartanburg church; Rev. W. B. White, by the Greenwood church; Rev. M. B. Grier, by the Abbeville church; Miss E. C. Davidson, by the Yorkville church; Mrs. P. F. Price, by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Second church, Charleston. Three are pledged support by individual

Presbyteries, viz: Rev. H. B. Pratt and wife by Bethel; S. P. Fulton, by Enoree. And one, the Rev. J. G. Hall is maintained by the Alumni of the Columbia Theological Seminary.

Brethren, complete this "ditch." It is one of great possibilities. The Secretary of Foreign Missions writes that "if worked out it would double the capacity of the Committee." It receives special emphasis by the financial crisis which is now closing the bank doors against the appeals of the Assembly's Committee, and thereby imperiling the support of every laborer dependent on remittances through that channel.

2. A second "ditch," which merits the Synod's most thoughtful consideration, was also laid off a year ago, viz: The concerted, systematic endeavor to increase the average given per member to Foreign Missions. Its possibilities also are simply immeasurable. The rise or fall of a few cents per member is, in its aggregate, like the flow or ebb of a tide, which tells mightily for weal or woe on the shore-line washed by it. It is the thermometer which registers the the degree of heat or cold of the church's heart to her Lord's last command.

Can the average be raised to \$1.00 per member? Your Committee thinks it can. Had the other Presbyteries each increased its average by .07 per member, as Bethel did, the Synod's average would be .74. Had they raised their average .23 a member, as Enoree did, the Synod's average would be .90 per member; and its position, at the head of the Synodical Roll. To reach the dollar aver ge the Presbyteries should look well to the nickles.

3. A third "ditch" to which some honest digging might well be given, is the dissemination of Missionary Literature among our people. They should be kept well informed; and to this end should be supplied, every family of them, with a copy of the "Missionary," published in Nashville, Tenu., by the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions.

To sum up, your Committee would recommend as follows:

1st. The support of individual Missionaries by individual congregations, thereby allowing the great bulk of our churches to recruit with their untrammelled offerings the Assembly's Treasury.

2nd. The increase of the average per member to one dollar.

3rd. The enlarged circulation of the "Missionary" in the homes of our people.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of your Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LOWRIE WILSON,

Chairman.

IV.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Education.

The whole number of candidates in our Synod reported to the last Assembly was fifty-eight—eight licensed and fifty unlicensed. Since then the number has increased to sixty-four. Eight of these are licensed.

They are distributed among the Presbyteries as follows:

| Bethel | 12 | unlicensed | and | 1 | licensed. |
|-----------------|-----|------------|-----|---|-----------|
| Pee Dee | . 3 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 44 |
| Enoree | .20 | 66 | 6.6 | 3 | " |
| .South Carolina | . 5 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 0 | " |
| Charleston | | | | | |
| Harmony | | | | | |

Twenty-two are in College; twenty-eight are in the Seminary-seven in Junior, sixteen in Middle, and four in Senior class; three are in preparatory schools.

Four are not engaged in study; one in Harmony (and his reason is not known to their Committee on education), one in Enoree because of sore eyes, one in South Carolina, now teaching to pay debts incurred in College. and one in Bethel for lack of means to prepare for College.

Eleven of the above have been received since last Synod, and only one has been dropped during the year.

While the increase of candidates in the whole Church for the year ending with the last Assembly was from 409 to 427 or some 6 per cent., the increase in the Synod of South Carolina was about 13 per cent.

The Synod of South Carolina is fourth among among the Southern Synods in point of size, the order being Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and South Carolina; she is third in the number of her candidates, the order being Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina; and she is fifth in the amount of her contribution to the Central Committee, the order being Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, South Carolina.

Comparing the year closing with last Assembly with the year closing with that of 1889, we find that our candidates have increased from 27 to 58 or about 115 per cent; the number of those seeking aid has increased from 10 to 43 or about 330 per cent.; and our contribution to the Central Committee has increased from \$957 to \$1,548, or some 61 per cent.

The increase in the number of those seeking aid is twice the increase of the whole number, and the percentage of increase in the number seeking aid is more than five times that of the contribution from which they are to be aided.

Some 51 from this Synod will ask aid from the Memphis Committee for the coming year. The humiliating fact still confronts our Synod that while during the last ecclesiastical year, we have drawn from the Assembly's Treasury \$3,377, we have contributed to that Treasury only \$1,548 - that is to say, no matter what we have done independently of the Committee, the great Synod of South Carolina is a candidate for aid at the door of her sister Synods, three-fourths of whom are weaker than herself, for a sum far in excess of her entire contribution to the cause of Education. brethren, our zeal to contribute to the Assembly's Committee ought to bear some proportion to our zeal to send them applications for aid.

Looking now at the Presbyteries seperately, as to contributions and applications to the Central Committee, we find that:

| Bethel, | with | 12 c | andidates, | asked | aid | for | 6 a | nd | gave | \$501, or \$84 each | h. |
|-------------|------|------|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---------------------|----|
| Enoree, | 4.6 | 17 | " | 4.6 | 4.4 | " | 14 | 66 | 4.6 | 204, " 14 " | |
| Harmony, | 6.6 | 9 | 4.4 | * 6 | 6.6 | " | 6 | ٠ 6 | 4.6 | 199, " 33 " | |
| Pee Dee, | 6.6 | 3 | • • | 6.6 | 66 | 6.6 | 3 | 46 | " | 91, '' 30 '' | |
| South Ca., | 6.6 | 5 | 64 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 3 | 6.6 | 66 | 261, " 88 " | |
| Charleston. | | 11 | . 66 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 11 | 44 | 6.6 | 186. " 17 " | |

Charleston Presbytery spends most of its education contribution independently of the Central Committee. The average contribution per member from this Synod to the Assembly's Treasury is 8 cents.

Now as to what is being done throughout the Synod independently of the Central Committee, we can make no complete report. Charleston and South Carolina Presbyteries report one candidate each as self-supporting. Most of the Presbyterial Chairmen did not know what was being done in the bounds of their respective Presbyteries for the cause of Education, independently of the Assembly's Committee.

Charleston Presbytery reports \$1,310 as given directly to students, Enoree reports 3 candidates as aided by private persons; that one received aid from Memphis and private sources both; that one was aided by Memphis Committee and Synod's fund both; that four received last year \$100 each from "Student's Fund;" that one received \$70 from "Student's Fund" and \$50 from private source; that one who was also a beneficiary of Synod's Fund received also \$52.25 from "Student's Fund;" and that one received \$50 from a minister of the Presbytery. South Carolina Presbytery aided one candidate directly; and churches and persons in Bethel gave directly to some. Pee Dee and Harmony make no reports as to direct aid.

It is a significant fact that none of the Presbyteries except Enoree have any idea what their candidates drew from the "Student's Fund" at the Seminary last year.

As to the importance of a Presbytery gathering up and reporting information as to all contributions made in its churches to the cause of Education, we call the attention of our Presbyteries to the action of the Assembly of 1879, which "earnestly recommends that all Presbyteries furnish the Secretary n time to incorporate them in his annual report, full statements of all amounts contributed to aid candidates preparing for the ministry, so that the reports of the General Assembly may show precisely what is being done for the cause."

Besides showing precisely what is being done such reports will enable churches and the Central Committee to be informed as to the needs of all applicants. One candidate last year after receiving \$200 from a church independently of the Committee, applied to the Committee for aid. Only one such case has occurred within the knowledge of your Committee prior to this past year.

The attention of Presbyteries is also called to the action of the Assembly of 1873 urging Presbyteries to require of candidates semi-annual reports

of all the funds received by them from the Assembly's Committee and church collections.

As to the reception of candidates for the ministry, we call the attention of Synod to the rules of the Presbyteries.

Harmony and Pee Dee report no standing rules beyond the customary requirements and examination. Charleston is in a transition state. She is preparing a manual which is to include some standing rules. Besides customary examinations, she requires a certificate of fitness from Church Ses. sions, and insists, along with Enoree and Bethel, that all reports from candidates be read in open Presbytery. Enoree requires two month's notice to her Committee of Education, and application as rule only at a regular meeting, before receiving caudidates under her care. South Carolina and Bethel Presbyteries require candidates to apply and be examined at one regular meeting, and have their applications voted on at the next regular meeting before being received. Bethel requires an examination by her Committee on Academical studies as a test of mental fitness, and she is the only Presbytery within our bounds with such a rule. Bethel, Enoree and South Carolina also require certificates of endorsement from Sessions of Churches. The attention of Presbyteries is called to the following action of the Assembly of '80, recommending 'that all candidates coming before Presbytery shall bear certificates of their Sessions testifying to their qualifications physical, mental and spiritual." The Sessions are called upon to certify not simply as to the church membership and moral character of the candidate. but as to his fitness from every point of view for the work of the ministry.

The attention of Presbyteries is again called to the fact that in 1876 the General Assembly enjoined upon Presbyteries "more carefully to investigate the antecedents and inquire into the character of candidates for the ministry." This Assembly also advised the Presbyteries as a rule to receive under their care no candidate at the same meeting during which his application was made.

Complaint has been made against one Presbytery for receiving under its care young men who come within its bounds to attend school. No doubt the Sessions and Presbyteries which include the homes of young men are in the best position to investigate their antecedents and inquire into their moral character.

The attention of all Presbyteries and candidates is called to the last Assembly's interpretation of the control a Presbytery is entitled to exercise over its candidates. "Candidates are under control of Presbytery both in regard to their conduct, and the school, College and Seminaries they shall attend; but the authority in regard to the schools attended shall be exercised with prudence."

Remarks. 1. From 1891 to 1892 there was a decline in the Syrod's contribution to this cause. Since last Synod there has been some increase.

- 2. Presbyteries appropriating their contribution to Education directly, should remember that if they send applications for aid to the Central Committee they ought also to send a fair proportion of their contribution to that treasury.
- 3. In Presbyteries where there has been large increase in the number of candidates, it is right to expect an increase of interest in the cause and larger contribution to it; and in Presbyteries where the sight of a great number volunteering to preach, has failed to rally more friends to the cause and increase contributions, it is reasonable to suppose that graye mistakes have been made, and it would be eminently wise for this Synod and those Presbyteries to inquire into the nature of these mistakes.
- 4. Let us remember that our system of Beneficiary Education is no experiment; but it is the result of the acknowledged obligation of our church to secure and maintain for herself a gifted and pious ministry together with her experience during a century of her history in this country. It has given us many good and great men all down the line of history. Read the past and the present, and see how the life of our church is bound up with this system. When our membership refuse to support it, they are guilty of disloyalty to the church; and when the Presbyteries fail to exercise due care in the administration of the system, they are guilty of a criminal negligence which strikes at the very vitals of our church. Let us realize the peril of the hour. By a careful obedience to the advice of our highest court, we can rally our churches to the cause; and now let us do it.

B. P. REID, For Com on Education.

V.

Report of Permanent Committee on Publication and Colportage.

Your Committee would respectfully report that Mr Robert C. Farr was unanimously elected, and has been duly commissioned, Synodical Colporteur, in the place of Mr. Richards deceased. Mr. Farr could not enter upon his work until the severity of the winter had rendered traveling by private conveyance very difficult, but we are able to testify to his faithful and energetic prosecution of this work. From the present outlook of your Committee, we would recommend, that the work of Synodical Colportage be continued for another year. We also ask that all ministers and church sessions would extend a welcoming and helping hand, to your Colporteur, when he shall visit their bounds.

J. S. COZBY, Chairman.

VI.

Report on Colored Evangelization.

The Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization respectfully submit their second annual report to the Synod of South Carolina in session at Clinton:

We regret to report that in the judgment of your Committee the way has not been clear to employ an Evangelist to preach the Gospel to the colored people within the bounds of our Synod, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Synod at its last regular meeting. Soon after the adjournment of Synod, a card was published in our church papers, calling attention to the action of Synod, and soliciting contributions from the churches. No response was made to our appeal, and so the door was shut against us, and we could not enter the promising field.

We also regret to report the failure of our people to support the resolution of Synod to raise \$2,000 for the Assembly's work. With an increase of 367 communicants we have made an advance of only \$33 over the contributions of last year, so that the average instead of reaching 12 cents per member, remains about the same. With 17,430 communicants, we have contributed \$644, an average of less than 4 cents per member. The contributions by Presbyteries are as follows: Bethel with 5,351 communicants, \$136, an average of about 2½ cents; Charleston with 2,419 communicants, \$181, an average of about 7\frac{3}{4} cents; Enoree with 3,271 communicants, \$107. an average of about 3\frac{1}{4} cents; Harmony with 1,911 communicants, \$81, an average of about 41 cents; Pee Dee with 1,413 communicants, \$42, an average of about 3 cents; South Carolina with 3,065 communicants, \$97, an average of about 3 cents In this connection we direct attention to the following resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its last meeting: "The General Assembly hereby agree, and call upon all the pasters and Sessions of our church to rally to the support of Rev. A. L. Phillips and the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization in their arduous and responsible position and work."

We are gratified to note that under the efficient management of the Assembly's Secretary, the work of Colored Evangelization is making slow, but steady progress. During the year the number of ministers has increased from 36 to 43; churches from 56 to 67; communicants from 1,211 to 1,682; and Sabbath School scholars from 1,269 to 1,760. There has been a corresponding increase of contributions to pastors' salaries from \$967 to \$1,346.

We direct attention to the following extract from the report of the Assembly's Executive Committee: "In regard to Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, it should be remembered that our Northern brethren have here their chief strength. Is it not at least doubtful whether we should enter these states at all with new undertakings?"

We propose the following resolutions for adoption by Synod:

- 1. This Synod will endeavor to raise its due proportion of the \$15,000 called for by the General Assembly for the work of Colored Evangelization.
- 2. Our pastors and Sessions are urged to a faithful observance of the
- 2. Our pastors and Sessions are taged to a faithful voset value of the First Sabbath in December, and to make liberal contributions to this cause.

 3. In the judgment of this Synod the way does not now seem clear for the employment of an Evangelist to the Colored people within our bounds.

 Respectfully submitted, JNO. G. LAW, Chairman.

VII.

Report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause.

The Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully report to the Synod in session at Clinton, S. C., 1893:

From the 77th Report of the American Bible Society, covering the year April 1, 1892 to April 1, 1893, it appears that this great agency of our church for promoting the distribution of the Scriptures, has continued to prosecute diligently and successfully the noble work of sending out God's light and truth through the printed page, in both the foreign and home fields. During the year named about a half million volumes of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, have been put in circulation in the foreign field, and very nearly a million more in the home field. And for the present year, the Society has appropriated \$155.238 for the foreign work, which amount is largely supplemented by books sent to foreign lands from the Bible House in New York. The expensive work of translating, as well as that of printing and distributing the Scriptures, is still being largely pursued in connexion with he rapid progress of Foreign Missions; and it is a matter of special interest, to Synod, that one of our own members, the Rev. H. B. Pratt, has this year completed a new translation of the whole Bible in Spanish, which has been printed by the American Bible Society and is now being used by our Missionaries in Mexico.

In the home field, the Society has endeavored through all its ordinary agencies, to keep all our people supplied with the printed word. Here special emphasis is still laid upon providing the thousands of immigrants landing on our shores, with the Bible in their own tongues, and of supplying the millions of children and youth growing up among us, so that every one who can read may own a copy of God's word. In pursuing these two lines of home work during the last year, over 60,000 volumes of the Scriptures in 19 different languages, were distributed among immigrants landing in New York alone; and some 10,000 Bibles for Sunday School supply were called for by the District Superintendents, to provide children who did not own one, and 27,000 copies more were granted to Societies and church agencies, which look specially after Sunday School work. And this latter branch of distribution is now only beginning to take hold; so the prospect is that the present year will mark a very large increase in its extent.

In regard to our Synod's support of this great work of Bible distribution, which lies at the very foundation of all Chiristian Evangelization, and has received the express and repeated endorsement of the General Assembly, the following exhibit taken from the Statistical Reports of our Presbyteries, is presented:

| Bethel Presh | yterv | reports | 12 (| churches | as | giving \$171 | ι, |
|--------------|-------|---------|------|----------|-----|--------------|------------|
| Charleston | 66 | + 6 | 12 | | 6. | " 170 |), |
| Enoree | 6.6 | 66 | G | 6.6 | 6.6 | " 36 | i . |

| Harmony | 4. | 6.6 | 15 | 6.6 | 6.6 | •• | 81, |
|--------------|--------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Pee Dee | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7 | 6.6 | + 6 | 4.4 | 31, |
| South Caroli | na '' | 4. | 10 | 6.6 | 4. | 6.6 | 42, |
| | | | | | | | |
| Ag | gregat | ing, | 62 | | 4.6 | 6.6 | 531. |

In this connexion we would also call attention to the action of the last General Assembly upon this subject, recommending:

- (1.) "That Presbyteries be urged to see that the churches under their care are reminded of their duty to make an annual contribution to this cause," (page 27, Minutes Assembly.)
- (2.) "That the Assembly urge upon all our officers and teachers of Sabbath Schools the use of the entire Bible in the schools and not permit leaflets and lesson helps to take the place of the Bible. To this, end we recommend that each scholar who can read be furnished with a copy of the Bible to be used in the class during the recitations." (page 50, Minutes of Assembly.)

Your Committee recommends that the Synod endorse and repeat these timely recommendations of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

THOS. H. LAW, Chairman.

VIII.

Theological Seminary-Annual Report.

To the Controlling Synods, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., makes this as its annual report, viz:

The Institution has been in regular operation with no changes in the faculty during the year; all harmonious and co-operating. An increased number of students have been in attendance; post graduates 2, seniors 7, middle class 15, juniors 20, special 3, total 47.

These are reported to have been diligent, and the examinations before the Board have been eminently satisfactory. The following is the list of graduates: Horace S. Allyn, Barnwell R. Anderson, Daniel A. Blackburn, George T. Bourne, William F. Hollingsworth, William S. Jacobs and Malcolm McGillivary.

The financial status is good, some changes of investment being considered necessary by the Investing Committee. The amount of interest bearing funds is \$210,000, the Professor's houses and Seminary buildings are valued at about \$50,000.

The Rev. T. M. Lowry, of Columbia, S. C., is Financial Agent and is meeting with marked success. His work is to enlarge the investment fund and to make important improvements on the Seminary grounds.

Taking these facts in view the Board feels abundantly encouraged, and would give thanks to the great Head of the Church for the success of the

past, and the brightening prospects of the future. The time for enlargement and the development of the church's strength has come. Good news comes to us through our Financial Agent of a revived interest in this School of the Prophets. To God we give the glory.

It may be stated that the Library is one of the best, and additions by donation and purchase are being made from time to time. There is a disposition to increase this source of knowledge, and special efforts will be made under the direction of the Board to have a fire-proof building for the protection of the same.

The meeting of the Board has been a most pleasant and harmonious one, and the wish has been expressed that every member of the Board could have been present at the meeting this day closed. Eleven out of fifteen have been in attendance. The prayers of God's people throughout our bounds, as a special working church, that God may crown the Institution we represent with still greater success, sending forth many laborers into the harvest field are most earnestly invoked. God is our helper now as in ages past. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. MILLS, Clerk of Board.

IX.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage.

The Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage subtait herewith the annual report of the president of the institution, and embodied therein, the reports of the other departments of the work.

The year just closed has been marked by the following events of interest:

- 1. The number of inmates has been increased to 108.
- 2. The Augustine Home, a new cottage for orphan boys, built by a South Carolina gentleman at a cost of \$2,000, and furnished by churches and individuals, has been formally dedicated and occupied.
- 3. The Technical school building has been erected at a cost of \$5,000, \$1,000 of which was the gift of a Charleston lady; it has been partially furnished at a cost of \$1,300, and is doing its good and successful work
- 4. The Orphan's Seminary in which is taught the literary course, has been enlarged in scope and usefulness, thoroughly graded, new school rooms provided, and the first regular commencement of the Collegiate department successfully held.
- 5. There have been several severe cases of sickness, during the year, but the health of the children, as a rule, has been excellent. There has been no death among them.
- 6. The pecuniary support has been, as in all previous years, drawn from every section of the Union. The Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, that have united in the control of the institution, have provided

about one-half of the total. The expenses for the past year, including over a thousand dollars expenditures, repairs &c., and including the cost of the new building, was \$11,271.92. For the ensuing year we will need about the same amount; and we have no doubt but that the Stewards of the Lord's Treasury will provide it.

We, ask, in conclusion, your prayers and sympathy. As the Synod meets, this year in the village of Clinton, we ask a thorough inspection of the property of the Orphanage, on the part of your venerable body.

With prayers for the divine blessing on God's noble and generous people, whose gifts have done this work.

I am yours fraternally, in behalf of the Board.

Wm. P. JACOBS, President.

X.

Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superanuated Ministers.

To the Synod of South Carolina: The Treasurer of "the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superanuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their Families," would respectfully report:

That the financial condition of said Society remains very much the same as when the last report was made.

At that time the good assets were reported to amount to \$4,475.08.

On this, the first day of November 1893, the amount to \$4,820.01 showing an increase of \$344.93. This increase is accounted for entirely by interest on monics loaned. No donations nor subscriptions, have been received since last report.

All which is respectfully submitted,

L. W. WHITE,

Abbeville, S. C., Nov. 1, 1893.

Treasurer.

XI.

Narrative.

The Committee on Narrative would respectfully report to the Synod the following facts, viz: That our pastors and officers are faithful in the discharge of their duties; our people are generally supplied with the preached word, and that the regular services of the sanctuary are well attended. We are glad to report that none of our churches have been visited by "irresponsible traveling evangelists," but depend upon their own Presbyterial Evangelists and stated ministry for the preached word. The Sabbath is well observed and our people seem to be growing more strict instead of more lax on the question of Sabbath observance. Our people are growing in the grace of giving, and seem disposed to meet all claims of the Church when intelligently presented. Family worship and home instruction seem to be

much neglected, though Sabbath School instruction is zealously attended to.
On the whole there is much to cheer our hearts and draw forth songs of grateful praise.

J. H. THORNWELL,

Chairman.

XII.

Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

REV. H. B. S. GARRISS.

Henry Brown Shaw Garriss was born at South Washington, Pender county, N. C., April 24, 1845. His parents, of Scotch descent, were earnest Christians and steadfast members of the Presbyterian church. When he was six years old his mother died, who left all the care of his training to his father, who did it well.

Just as the plans for his education were taking shape, the late war came on. Like many other boys at that time, he responded his country's call with that enthusiasm which ever afterwards marked his life. Young Garriss entered the service of the navy and served gallantly until disabled by a severe attack of sickness.

The war having ended, he found all his father's property gone except a small tract of land. Here our young friend tilled the soil for three years. With the scanty profits made on the farm, and by cutting cord wood at night by torch light, he was enabled to enter the Clinton High School, North Carolina. He boarded in the family of Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., and between them there was ever afterward the warmest attachment. He remained in this Academy four years, and taught school during his vacations to help bear his expenses. While here pursuing his studies, he felt that he was called to preach the Gospel. Having been taken under the care of Wilmington Presbytery, he entered Columbia Theological Seminary in 1872, and took the full course of study and was graduated in May, 1875.

October 14, 1874, he was married to Miss Charlotte Thomson D nck, of Columbia. In the fall of 1775, Brother Garriss took charge of the Whiteville and White Plains churches in Wilmington Presbytery, and for a time during his pastorate there he served as principal teacher in the Whiteville High School. After his release from the work at Whiteville and White Plains churches, he began to labor within the bounds of Harmony Presbytery, serving some vacant churches and teaching school at Lake City, (then known as Graham's Cross Roads,) in Williamsburg county, S. C. In 1881, at the meeting of Synod in Columbia, he was received into Harmony Presbytery, and subsequently became pastor of Lynchburg, Fair Hope and Beulah clurches. During the time he labored in this field he acted as principal of the Lynchburg Academy for one year. As a teacher he was quite successful and prepared several young men for college. In the spring of 1885 he accepted calls from Wedgefield, Summerton and Tirzah churches in the same Presbytery. These churches he served until the close of the year

1886, when he accepted calls from Salem and Lebanon churches in Bethel Presbytery. Soon after he became pastor of these churches he was elected Evangelist of his Presbytery, and remained in this work until the Lord called him home.

Our brother had not been well for some time previous to his death, but kept at his post of duty till forced to leave. He was taken quite ill in May of last year while preaching at Jefferion in Chesterfield county. He went home immediately, but continued growing worse till relieved by death, July 19th of the same year. A painful disease had given him much suffering for several years. At times his suffering was intense, but he was never heard to murnur. The last few hours of his life his mind was uuclouded. Thus being fully conscious of his condition, he expressed himself as being perfectly resigned to God's holy will, then affectionately bidding his wife adieu, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian church in Columbia, and his body was tenderly deposited in the Elmwood Cemetery to rest till the glorious ressurrection morn.

The church has sustained a very great loss in the death of this noble man of God. Brother Garriss was an impressive preacher and always attracted good congregations wherever he went. The love of Christ was his chief theme. He was an efficient pastor, but was especially gifted as an Evangelist, and well did he use this gift for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. His genial disposition and catholic spirit made him the friend and easy acquaintance of all classes of people. He was frequently heard to say: "I have never met a stranger." It was his custom to preach the Gospel from house to house, and he was in this way blessed as an instrument in God's hands in bringing many souls to Christ. "And the common people heard bim gladly." -Mark 12:37. Rarely do we meet one, whose life is so full of self-sacrificing labors as was his. In thousands of hearts his name will long live fresh and fragrant.

J. L. McLEES,

For the Committee.

REV. JAMES H. SAYE.

Jas. Hodge Saye was born January 29, 1808, near Hebron Presbyterian Church, in Franklin County, Georgia of which church his father, Richard Saye, was an elder. His mother was Margaret Gardner, daughter of Christopher Gardner, who came from County Down, Ireland, to Deleware, joined the Colonial Army, and after the Revolution moved southward. Richard Saye was a blacksmith. In his humble, but pious home grew up Jas. Hodge Saye, who was third among his family of seven children. He was prepared for college by Rev. Jno. S. Wilson, who preached and taught at Lawrence-ville, Georgia. He entered Franklin College, Athens, Georgia, in July, 1830; and by his own effort, the help of friends and the patronage of the Georgia Education Society, he made his way through, graduating in 1834, in the same class with Alex. H. Stephens. He was converted under the preaching of Rev.

Jno. S. Wilson, and decided to study for the ministry. He entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, in 1835.

Father Saye soon attracted the attention of the Seminary, Professors and Students and citizens of Columbia; because he blended so much of the old with the young in his life. We have it upon the authority of his classmate, Dr. McNiell Turner, that a lady in Columbia, amused at his ways, first called him "Father Saye," which sobriquet has followed him to his grave. May not the struggle and sense of responsibility which came home to him so early in life, have caused the thoughtful deliberation of the old man to develop in him so soon? May be so; but however developed, there is no doubt but that it attracted the attention of everybody to him. and their seeing in him besides so much to respect, gave him a wide and well deserved popularity with all about him.

What of his home and his work after leaving the Seminary? January 30, 1838, he was married to Miss Rebecca McJunkin, daughter of Abram McJunkin of Cane Creek Church, Union County, South Carolina. The union proved a fortunate and happy one for him and ten living and devoted children were the fruits of it. Many can testify what a pleasant and hospitable place Father Saye's home has always been.

During his life-time, he was pastor of three churches. He was licensed by Bethel Presbytery, April 5, 1837, and he preached his first sermon in Brown's school house, August 18, from Is. 53: 6. On March 3, 1838, he was ordained by Flint River Presbytery, in the City of Macon, Georgia. On April 14, he was installed pastor of McDonough Church in Georgia, by a commission, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Jno. S. Wilson, T. F. Montgomery and A. M. Mooney. He returned to South Carolina in April, 1840, and joined the Presbytery of Bethel. He was installed pastor of Cane Creek Church in Union County, on the fourth of that month, and of Fairforest Church on the fifteenth of August following. The pastoral relation between Father Saye and these two churches was dissolved in April, 1851, where to secure better school privileges for his children, moved to Unionville. He served Unionville and Cane Creek Churches as Stated supply until he moved to Chester, in 1860, where he labored in Fishing Creek and surrounding churches, until the Spring of 1889, when the infirmaties of age forced him to quit work. He preached his last sermon, June 12, 1891, in Fishing Creek Church, and on the 20th of November last, he died.

The churches in which he labored as pastor, grew under his ministry. This is the best testimony to his faithfulness and efficiency. His own record of his life, however, shows that he was oftentimes disheartened because he seemed to accomplish so little. Hear the following testimony to his usefulness from the pen of Rev. A. A. James, of Enoree Presbytery, who succeeded him as pastor at Fairforest: "He was preeminently useful in his dutics as pastor. He knew all his regular hearers by name, and seldom entered the pulpit on Sabbath without having spoken personally with some member

into the glorious light and liberty of gospel truth by means of that ministry.

As a companion he was genial, as a conversationist gifted, as a Presbyter, punctual in attendance and efficient in counsel and work; but this great work as all works wrought by man, had to terminate.

"Leaves have their times to fall,

And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,

And stars to set but all-

Thou hast all seasons for Thine own, Oh! Death."

About fourteen years ago our brother had a stroke of apoplexy brought on by exposure to the hot sun. Other similar attacks followed till the fourth one, which proved fatal on the 27th of April, 1893. He became unconscious on the afternoon of May the first. Without any return of consciousness, he passed from earth mingling no more with the assemblies of the militant church. He has gone to join the General Assembly and Church of the First-born whose names are written in Heaven.

Farewell Dear Brother, Farewell; The mountide of earth falls dark on thy vision, but the light that surrounds thee even kindles a glory on the wings of the cherubs. The music and voices of earth by thine ear are unheeded, the strain which thou hearest is the Seraphim's song.

HUGH MoLEES, For Committee. of every family in attendance This greatly endeared him to his people, and gave him ready access to their hearts. His charge embraced a large territory of rugged, hilly country; this made his pastoral work very laborious; vet the service was always promptly rendered. He watched with great jealousy over the purity of the church, both in doctrine and practice. His influence for good was felt in all this region of country."

All this can be said of his work in Chester County. We cannot soon forget our beloved Father Saye.

As a preacher, he was somewhat slow and deliberate in his manner; but his wide and varied knowledge of men and things made his preaching solid and instructive. As a Presbyter, he was distinguished for prudence and common sense; and he will long be remembered by this generation for his quaint sayings about passing circumstances.

B. P. REID, Chairman Committee.

REV. W. F. PEARSON.

Wm. Franklin Pearson was born July, 9th, 1831, within the bounds of Nazareth Presbyterian church, Spartanburg, County, South Carolina. He was blessed with Godly parents, who brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He was educated in his classical and mathematical course at Thalion Academy, under the tuition of that prince among teachers, Rev. J. Leland Kennedy. Bro. Pearsons Theological course was taken in the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

He was received under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina, on the 15th of September, 1855; licensed by the same Presbytery, on the 10th of April, 1858. For one year he supplied the Washington Street Church in Geenville for one half the time, and preached the other half at Little Mountain Church in Abbeville County, South Carolina. During the war, he served for about two years as chaplain of the Second Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers. In the year 1868, he was called to the pastorate of Greenville Church for one-half his time, and this relation continued for twenty-five years, to the close of his life. While fulfilling his ministry in this church, he supplied for short periods, Harmony Church in Georgia and Hopewell and Ninety-six Churches in South Carolina.

In the year 1874, he was called to the Upper Long Cane Church. This call he accepted, and the relation continued till the fall of 1892, when at his own request, the pastoral relation was dissolved.

His early ministry was characterized by great earnestness and energy as he labored in accasional temporary visits outside of his own field in the neighboring pastorates. Under the stirring and at times thrilling appeals of the young minister numbers were often driven to cry out in tears, "What must I do to be saved?"

It is the estimate of the writer that God set the seal of his approval to his ministry by the calling of about one thousand souls from nature's darkness

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